

Amendments to the Drawings

None

REMARKS

[001] Claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 8, and 15 are independent claims. Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10, 12, 18, and 19 are objected to as reciting intended uses. Claim 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

[002] Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time for the telephone interview held March 7th 2007. In that interview proposed claim amendments were discussed. Those proposed amendments are reflected in the amendments above. The Examiner indicated that these proposed amendments place the case in condition for allowance over the informalities and rejections under 35 USC § 101.

[003] Applicant amended Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15, and 18-20. These amendments were made for the sole purpose of resolving the informalities raised in the most recent office action. The amendments were also made to clarify the invention in view of the rejections under 35 USC § 101. The Applicant submits the attached amendments and remarks place the case in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and that the claims be allowed.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21 UNDER 35 USC § 101

[004] Claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant traverses this rejection. While Applicant disagrees with the Office that these changes are necessary for the Claims to be considered non-statutory subject matter, Applicant submits the above amendments to expedite prosecution. Applicant submit that the amendments enclosed obviate the rejections under 35 USC § 101.

CONCLUSION

[005] In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are in condition for allowance. In the event any questions or issues remain that can be resolved with a phone call, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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